

Follow-Up from February 25, 2021 Joint JPS Appropriations Meeting:
Division of Prisons response in red.

1. What has been purchased with COVID funds? Does this include telehealth IT?

For Prisons, the CRF funds were not utilized for emergency pay or PPE/supplies. Other parts of ACJJ did use CARES act funding to offset some of the emergency pay costs (the federal funding language was specific to LEO's and did not apply to all of our staff.) To date, the only items that Prisons utilized CRF for was to purchase telehealth equipment which wasn't eligible through FEMA PA – although we tried. The cost of that equipment was \$506,000. Almost all of our FEMA PA requests are still pending authorization, so these funds may have to be utilized more in future months if it is determined that other items are no eligible for reimbursement at 100%.

2. Staff Vaccination Rates

43% internal & external for staff

3. List of prison facilities suspended since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic

See Prison Suspension Modification Report 2021-03-01

4. Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission Prison Projections

[From SPAC]: The computerized simulation model (developed jointly by SAS and Sentencing Commission staff) uses:

- Empirical data on every inmate housed in the prison system at the end of the fiscal year to simulate releases over the 10-year period
- Empirical data on convictions and sentences imposed from the past fiscal year to simulate prison entries (new crime, violations, and revocations) and their release over the 10-year period
- Growth rate determined by a group of system experts
- A set of assumptions based on empirical data (where known) to handle additional factors over the projection period (e.g., prison admission type)

Historically (prior to COVID), the projections have accurately predicted the prison population within less than 2% of the actual population. Because of the unprecedented (and unforeseeable) effect of the pandemic on the criminal justice system, we had to adjust. For the current projection, in order to take COVID into account, we developed a special assumption (top of pg. 6 in the full projection document, attached) to handle the pandemic effect on the system over the 10-year period.

See SPAC Prison Projections 2021-02-26 and SPAC Prison Projection Process 2021-02-026